

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-86 are canceled.

87. (New) An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising:
a carriage equipped with an ink-jet recording head; and
said ink-jet recording head mounted on the carriage, the head configured to record an image on a recording medium by ejecting droplets,
wherein a first liquid is ejected from the head and a second liquid is ejected from the head, and
wherein the second liquid performs at least one of preventing a solidification of the first liquid and dissolving the first liquid.

88. (New) The ink-jet recording apparatus of claim 87, wherein the first liquid is the same as the second liquid.

89. (New) The ink-jet recording apparatus of claim 88, wherein the first liquid and the second liquid both have black ink.

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90. (New) The ink-jet recording apparatus of claim 87, wherein the first liquid is different from the second liquid.

91. (New) The ink-jet recording apparatus of claim 87, wherein the second liquid dissolves the first liquid.

92. (New) The ink-jet recording apparatus of claim 87, wherein the second liquid prevents solidification of the first liquid.

93. (New) The ink-jet recording apparatus of claim 90, wherein the first liquid is different from the second liquid in viscosity.

94. (New) The ink-jet recording apparatus of claim 90, wherein a viscosity of the first liquid is greater than that of the second liquid.